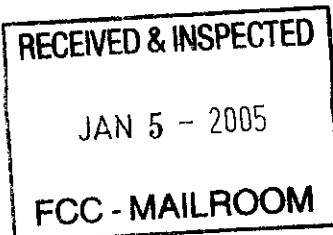




Mahaska Communication Group



December 29, 2004

To: Marlene H. Dortch  
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45  
**Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support - ICLS**  
Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that Mahaska Communications Group, LLC will use its **Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support - ICLS** only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area(s) listed below.

| Company Name                      | State | Study Area Code |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Mahaska Communications Group, LLC | Iowa  | 359073          |
|                                   |       |                 |
|                                   |       |                 |

(If necessary, attach a separate list of additional study areas and check this box.) ☐

Signed,

  
[Signature of Authorized Representative]

Date: 12-30-04

Frank Hansen  
[Printed Name of Authorized Representative]

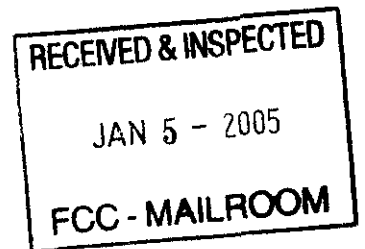
General Manager  
[Title of Authorized Representative]

**Carrier's Name:** Mahaska Communications Group, LLC  
**Carrier's Address:** 112 First Avenue West  
P.O. Box 1068  
Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577  
**Carrier's Telephone Number:** 641-676-1000

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Attachment: Order Designating Eligible Carrier in Iowa

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD



IN RE:

MAHASKA COMMUNICATION GROUP,  
LLC

DOCKET NO. 199 IAC 39.2(4)

**ORDER DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE CARRIER**

(Issued October 27, 2004)

On September 23, 2004, Mahaska Communication Group, LLC (Mahaska), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for universal service eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) status in Iowa pursuant to 199 IAC 39.2(4). No objections have been filed regarding this application.

Board rule 39.2 provides a means by which the Board can designate Iowa telecommunications companies to be eligible to receive funding from the universal service fund, as defined by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 254. Under the Act (and the Federal Communications Commission regulations implementing the Act), the Board must determine that a carrier meets certain service requirements before it may be designated an eligible carrier as set forth in subrule 39.2(4). The carrier must:

- 1) Offer the services supported by the federal universal service fund;

- 2) Offer the services using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale (47 C.F.R. § 54.201(c) provides that "own facilities" includes purchased unbundled network elements);
- 3) Advertise the availability of the supported services; and,
- 4) Offer the services throughout the designated service area.

In its request for designation, Mahaska states that it satisfies each of these requirements. Based on that representation, the Board finds that Mahaska offers the services supported by the federal universal service fund, using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of the facilities of another carrier. The Board also finds that Mahaska advertises and offers the services throughout its designated service area.

The Board notes that pursuant to a recent federal mandate, Mahaska is required to file a certification with the Board regarding its use of universal service funds. This filing should be made pursuant to subrule 22.2(7), as described in Docket No. RMU-01-14, Certification of Rural and Non-Rural Telecommunications Carriers.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. Eligible telecommunications carrier status is granted to Mahaska Communication Group, LLC, as requested on September 23, 2004. The designated service area shall be the service territory as established in its certificate of public convenience and necessity.

2. The Executive Secretary of the Utilities Board shall mail copies of this order to Mahaska Communication Group, LLC, the Universal Service Administration Company, the Federal Communications Commission Universal Service Branch, and the Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004.